

REMARKS

Claims 1, 10 and 16 have been amended to more clearly describe Applicant's invention. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

Objection to Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to address the objection raised by the Examiner at page 4 of the Office Action. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-13 and 15

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-13 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,265,083 to Ishii ("Ishii") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,374,040 to Mizoguchi ("Mizoguchi"). Claims 1 and 10 are independent.

Claim 1 relates to a portable digital image viewer including a base including a disc reader configured to read a digital image file from a disc, an integrated display screen configured to display a still image from the digital image file, a controller, wherein the digital image file is a JPEG, GIF, TIFF or bitmap file and the controller is configured to decode the digital image file for display on the integrated display screen, a lid including the integrated display screen on an outer surface of the lid, wherein the lid is attached to the base by a hinge and swinging between an open position and a closed position, and encloses a disc, and one or more control keys mounted on the base and operably connected to the disc reader and accessible during display of the still image while the lid is in the closed position, wherein a control key is configured to advance a first still image displayed on the screen to a second still image.

Claim 10 relates to a portable digital image viewer including a base including a disc reader configured to read a digital image file from a disc, wherein the disc reader includes a laser that operates at a wavelength longer than 750 nm, an integrated display screen configured to display a still image from the digital image file, a lid including the integrated display screen on an outer surface of the lid, wherein the lid is attached to the base by a hinge and swinging

between an open position and a closed position, and encloses a disc, one or more control keys mounted on the lid and operably connected to the disc reader and accessible during display of the still image while the lid is in the closed position, and wherein the viewer is configured to display one or more images on the integrated display screen as a thumbnail.

The claimed viewer is an enhancement and improvement over Ishii and is not obvious since there is no description or suggestion of the claimed viewer, which allows for significant ease of use, manufacture, and design enhancement.

Ishii does not describe or suggest a viewer including a base including a disc reader configured to read a digital image file from a disc, an integrated display screen configured to display a still image from the digital image file, a controller, wherein the digital image file is a JPEG, GIF, TIFF or bitmap file and the controller is configured to decode the digital image file for display on the integrated display screen, a lid including the integrated display screen on an outer surface of the lid, wherein the lid is attached to the base by a hinge and swinging between an open position and a closed position, and encloses a disc, and one or more control keys mounted on the base and operably connected to the disc reader and accessible during display of the still image while the lid is in the closed position, wherein a control key is configured to advance a first still image displayed on the screen to a second still image. Ishii also does not describe or suggest a portable digital image viewer including a base including a disc reader configured to read a digital image file from a disc, wherein the disc reader includes a laser that operates at a wavelength longer than 750 nm, an integrated display screen configured to display a still image from the digital image file, a lid including the integrated display screen on an outer surface of the lid, wherein the lid is attached to the base by a hinge and swinging between an open position and a closed position, and encloses a disc, one or more control keys mounted on the lid and operably connected to the disc reader, and wherein the viewer is configured to display one or more images on the integrated display screen as a thumbnail. Mizoguchi does not provide what is lacking in Ishii.

For example, neither Ishii nor Mizoguchi, alone or in combination, describes or suggests:

- (1) an integrated display screen configured to display a still image from the digital image file;

- (2) a lid including the integrated display screen on an outer surface of the lid, wherein the lid is attached to the base by a hinge and swinging between an open position and a closed position, and encloses a disc;
- (3) a controller, wherein the digital image file is a JPEG, GIF, TIFF or bitmap file and the controller is configured to decode the digital image file for display on the integrated display screen; and
- (4) a control key is configured to advance a first still image displayed on the screen to a second still image and accessible during display of the still image while the lid is in the closed position.

The integrated design of the claimed viewer is a uniquely new and improved variation allowing immediate viewing in a much more compact arrangement. Integrating the screen on the outside of the cover eliminates a number of components of Ishii and Mizoguchi. These improvements allow for manufacturing cost savings and efficiencies and operational ease.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 10 and claims that depend therefrom are not anticipated by Ishii. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 14 and 16-22

The Examiner has rejected claims 16 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishii combined with Mizoguchi and "Official Notice". Claim 14 depends from independent claim 10. Claims 17-22 depend from independent claim 16.

Referring to claim 16, Ishii, Mizoguchi, and combinations thereof do not describe or suggest a portable digital image viewer including a base including a disc reader configured to read a digital image file from a disc, an input port for a digital memory card configured to read a digital image file from a digital memory card, an integrated display screen configured to display a still image from the digital image file, a lid including the integrated display screen, the lid being attached to the base by a hinge and swinging between an open position and a closed position, wherein the lid when in the closed position encloses the disc, and one or more control keys mounted on the lid and operably connected to the disc reader and accessible during display of the still image while the lid is in the closed position, wherein the viewer is configured to display one or more still images generated from one or more digital image files on the integrated

display screen as a thumbnail and the viewer is configured to display a still image generated from a digital image file at full size on the integrated display screen.

The Examiner relies on "Official Notice" to provide those features that are lacking in Ishii and Mizoguchi. As discussed above, Ishii does not describe or suggest a viewer including a base including a disc reader configured to read a digital image file from a disc, an integrated display screen configured to display a still image from the digital image file, a controller, wherein the digital image file is a JPEG, GIF, TIFF or bitmap file and the controller is configured to decode the digital image file for display on the integrated display screen, a lid including the integrated display screen on an outer surface of the lid, wherein the lid is attached to the base by a hinge and swinging between an open position and a closed position, and encloses a disc, and one or more control keys mounted on the base and operably connected to the disc reader and accessible during display of the still image while the lid is in the closed position, wherein a control key is configured to advance a first still image displayed on the screen to a second still image. Ishii also does not describe or suggest a portable digital image viewer including a base including a disc reader configured to read a digital image file from a disc, wherein the disc reader includes a laser that operates at a wavelength longer than 750 nm, an integrated display screen configured to display a still image from the digital image file, a lid including the integrated display screen on an outer surface of the lid, wherein the lid is attached to the base by a hinge and swinging between an open position and a closed position, and encloses a disc, one or more control keys mounted on the lid and operably connected to the disc reader and accessible during display of the still image while the lid is in the closed position, and wherein the viewer is configured to display one or more images on the integrated display screen as a thumbnail. Mizoguchi does not provide what is lacking in Ishii.

Thus, for at least this reason, claims 16 and 22 are patentable over Ishii combined with Mizoguchi and "Official Notice". Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance. Should any fees be required by the present Reply, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 19-4293.

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